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Charged With Attempt To Steal Auto

3 Young White Men of Fayetteville Were Arrested Here Saturday Night and Are in Jail in Default of Bond.

Three young white men who gave their names as Alex Thomas, Babe Blue and West Deal, were bound over to Superior court under probable cause on the charge of attempting to steal an automobile here Saturday night by Recorder David H. Fuller this morning. Their bonds were fixed at \$400 each, in default of which they were remanded to jail. The three men, who live at Fayetteville, were arrested about 10 o'clock Saturday night by Chief of Police D. M. Barker and Policemen Vance McGill and Ed J. Glover.

Chief Barker was advised that some suspected automobile thieves would arrive here Saturday night. The officers watched the three men for several hours, as they canvassed the town, according to the evidence brought out at the hearing this morning. A practically new Ford car was left by the officers on East Fifth street, they hiding near by. The three men made ten different trips to the "trap-car," according to the officers, each time leaving when somebody passed along the street. At last they made an effort to push the car off, moving it several feet from where it was left by the officers. It was then that the officers advanced upon them and the arrest followed.

Seaboard Moves Cars To Siding

After Delay of Several Days Seaboard Complies With Order of State Corporation Commission.

The Seaboard Saturday morning switched four cars of rock shipped here over the Atlantic Coast Line and the Virginia & Carolina Southern to a private sidetrack from the Seaboard road at the National cotton mill. The gravel was assigned to the State Highway commission to be used in the work of hard-surfacing the road from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge. The controversy about switching the cars was taken to the corporation commission, the commission ordering on Monday of last week that the Seaboard deliver the cars at the private siding. Friday suit was brought against the Seaboard by the corporation commission, demanding a \$500 a day penalty for failure to comply with the former order.

In ordering the Seaboard to switch the cars, the commission ruled that it may have a hearing on any general question involved. It is understood a further hearing will be sought in the matter.

STORE ROBBED LAST NIGHT

L. E. Squires & Co's Store on West Fourth Street Was Entered and Quite a Bit of Merchandise Taken—Entrance Made by Breaking Glass in Rear Door.

The store of L. E. Squires & Co., West Fourth street, next door to The Robesonian office, was robbed last night. Entrance was made by breaking a glass in the back door and removing a bar placed on the inside and opening the door. Several hundred dollars worth of merchandise was taken from the store and the stock ransacked. Mr. M. B. Robbins, a member of the firm and manager of the store, says he missed 5 suits of clothes, a number of pairs of shoes, quite a lot of silks, besides a number of shirts, suitcases, hose and underwear.

Several odd shoes in a show window in the front of the building were taken. No groceries were missed from the store, according to Mr. Robbins. There is no clue to the guilty parties.

Bob Green Arrested at Last.

Bob Green, wanted here on the charge of shooting at Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt when he attempted to arrest Green on the charge of manufacturing whiskey in May 1919, has been apprehended at last and is in jail here. Green was arrested at Bennettsville, S. C.

Hon. A. W. McLean of Lumberton and Washington, arrived here yesterday and will be here until tomorrow night looking after business affairs. Mr. McLean says he will not serve on the War Finance corporation, of which he has been a member for the past four years, longer than May of this year, and that in all probability he and his family will move back to Lumberton not long after that time.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Graham of the Tolarsville section were among the shoppers in town Friday.

Mr. W. J. Wilkerson and small son, James Wakefield, of R. 3, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. D. Y. Floyd left Thursday evening for his home at Willetts, La., after spending several days here and at Fairmont visiting relatives.

Mr. M. D. Pittman of St. Pauls was in town Thursday.

Dail Eireann Ratifies Treaty

It Creates Irish Free State—Valera Announces Resignation from Presidency of Irish Republic.

Dublin, Jan. 7.—(By the Associated Press.)—The treaty creating the Irish Free State was ratified tonight by the Dail Eireann. By a majority of seven votes, 64 to 57, the Dail gave its approval to the document signed by its delegates at London.

Coincidentally, Eamonn de Valera announced his resignation from the presidency of the Irish republic.

The news was received with the greatest enthusiasm, and the patient crowds, which had waited for hours outside the University building, in anticipation of a decision, burst into cheering, even before the official figures were announced.

Ratification of the treaty came after a day of intense excitement and heated controversy. Although the result was as had been expected, the majority in favor of the agreement was greater than had been counted on almost up to the last minute.

A tense, strained silence prevailed while the vote was being taken, and a gasp of relief went up from the supporters of the treaty when the result was announced. A dramatic scene ensued, when de Valera stood up and in broken voice, which vibrated with emotion, declared that "the republic" must be carried on.

Eventually he broke down so completely that he was unable to proceed. The Dail Eireann, with one accord, applauded and cheered him.

After voting ratification of the treaty tonight the Dail Eireann adjourned until Monday. Before adjournment was taken Eamonn de Valera, having announced his resignation from the presidency, asked that the members associated with him should meet him tomorrow at the Mansion House.

Michael Collins protested against the calling of such a partisan gathering, whereupon Mr. de Valera rose to insist on it, but broke down and resumed his seat amid hearty applause.

Situation Appears Chaotic. The situation at the adjournment of the Dail appeared to remain chaotic. The Dail will meet on Monday and there is no disposition revealed by de Valera and his followers to abandon the financial struggle.

The future control of the Irish republican army is tonight the subject of anxious speculation, as Charles Burgess, who strongly opposed the treaty, is the minister of defense. Ireland continues to face internal disorganization.

Dublin, Jan. 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—The peace treaty has been ratified and prayers of thanksgiving went up from the people in all the churches today, but Ireland continues to face internal disorganization, giving rise to the greatest anxiety.

The split in the Dail Eireann has been heightened and intensified by the vote on the treaty, and the future was never more obscure. At different hours today the two factions held conferences at the Mansion house. The Dail will meet again tomorrow in public session.

It has become apparent that Eamonn de Valera's resignation as president of the republic did not take an official form, and the outstanding question tonight is whether he will make effective his expressed intention to resign, and if he does not what will become of the Dail. Many believe that the opponents of the treaty plan to keep the Sirm Fein parliament in being while the supporters of the treaty endeavor to establish a provisional government and carry out the terms of the peace agreement.

Graded School House Robbed

For Third Time in 3 Weeks Thieves Entered School Building Last Night—Stole Everything in Sight.

For the third time in the past three weeks robbers forced entrance to the graded school building last night and apparently stole everything in sight. Some \$50 worth of material belonging to Mr. P. S. Korngay, who serves lunch daily on the school grounds, is missing, also an alarm clock, fountain pens, pencils and other supplies were taken from the rooms.

Entrance was forced through a window. Supt. Cale says he knows of no clue to the guilty ones and that it looks like it will be necessary to employ a night guard in order to protect the school property.

Reading Circle Will Meet Friday.

The reading circle of the Lumberton township public school teachers will meet in the 9th grade room at the high school building Friday, January 13, at 3:30 p. m. Supt. W. H. Cale of the Lumberton schools is teacher and Rev. J. M. Fleming secretary of the circle. All teachers belonging to the circle are urged to be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Ivey of the Marietta section passed through town Saturday en route to Hamlet, where Mrs. Ivey is having a cancer treated with radium.

Recorder's Court

Road Sentences for Blockading and Larceny—Other Cases.

Russell Wilkins, a young white man, entered a plea of guilty of the charge of manufacturing whiskey before Recorder David H. Fuller Friday and was sentenced to 4 months on the roads. J. T. Wilkins, his father, was found not guilty of the same charge. Russell Wilkins was arrested while operating a whiskey still inside a tobacco barn on his father's farm in Wishart township a few days before Christmas. He had been in jail since his arrest. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, several gallons of whiskey found in the barn were confiscated and poured out in front of the court house.

Other cases disposed of in recorder's court last week were:

Charlie R. Houston, colored, seduction; agreed to marry the prosecuting witness, Willie Jenkins, and the action was dismissed.

John Lennon, colored, carrying concealed weapon, to-wit a "razah"; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Von Speight and Walter Carter, larceny of three bushels of field peas from French Wilcox; each sentenced to 3 months on the roads. Speight and Carter were also found guilty of the larceny and receiving of \$16 in cash from Johnson Britt. Each was sentenced to serve 6 months on the roads in this case, the sentences to begin at the expiration of the three months sentence.

W. C. Britt, reckless driving; not guilty.

Willis A. Britt, assault upon Dewey Stone; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Vonnie and Dewey Sampson, Indians, cursing and raising a disturbance at Deep Branch church; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

John Bullock, violating auto ordinance; not guilty.

Dan Prevatt, exceeding speed limit on public highway; not guilty.

Rossie Brown, colored, larceny; not guilty.

W. D. James, violating auto ordinance; judgment continued.

Plan To Help In Civic Work

Lumberton Post Elects Officers and Plans to Be Active in All Work for Betterment of Community.

The following officers were elected by the Lumberton post of the American Legion at a well-attended meeting of the post Thursday evening: commander, David H. Fuller; vice-commander, J. Dickson McLean; adjutant and finance officer, I. Leon McGill, re-elected; sergeant at arms, D. M. Barker; chaplain, F. Ertel Carlyle; historian, W. B. Ivey; insurance officer, F. Eli Wishart; reporter, W. E. Bell.

The post will meet in the future on the first Thursday night in each month. Members of the post plan to make it one of the liveliest in the State during the coming year. The post will assist the chamber of commerce and the Woman's club in any work undertaken for the betterment of the town and surrounding country.

FUTURE WARS TO BE STRIPPED OF HORRORS GERMAN INGENUITY LET LOOSE ON WORLD

Washington, Jan. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—A five-power contract to impose the age-old penalties for piracy against naval commanders who violate accepted laws of naval warfare was approved today by the armament committee of the Washington conference.

It completed the Root formula for suppression of U-boat terrorism at sea, and the committee then moved forward toward a proscription of gas warfare on sea or land.

Again Mr. Root drew the resolution to effect the prohibition.

Again an immediate five-power contract to abandon gas or other similar chemical weapons as beyond the pale of human tolerance is proposed, to be worked later by world agreement into the fabric of international law. And again it seemed certain that, under American initiative, war in future would be stripped of others of the horrors German ingenuity let loose upon the world.

Italy gave prompt adhesion to the anti-gas project as "a real step in the path of progress and civilization." Adjournment of the committee prevented the views of other delegations from being presented, but all were said to favor the ban on gas warfare.

Received Part of Load Intended for Rabid Dog.

Nurn Lewis, colored, who lives on Mr. J. V. Barker's farm in Howellsville township, was accidentally shot in the legs by A. B. Barnes, also colored, Friday afternoon. Barnes was shooting at a rabid dog when a part of the load struck Lewis. It is not thought Lewis was seriously hurt, however. The dog was killed after he had bitten several other dogs and a number of hogs in that section. He belonged to Mr. Bunyan McWhite.

What's Your Business Here For?

Supt. Cale Plans Series of Talks by Local Business Men—Building and Loan Explained by Treasurer Whitfield—The Robesonian Will be Subject Next Friday.

The plans and advantages of the Building and Loan association were explained by Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield Friday morning as a part of the regular chapel exercises at the high school auditorium. Besides Mr. Whitfield's talk, a program was rendered by pupils of the tenth grade, including a reading by Miss Lois Caldwell, and musical selections.

It is the plan of Supt. W. H. Cale to have some local business houses represented in an address to the school children on Friday morning of each week. Next Friday morning Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, will be asked to address the school on "Why Have a Robesonian." Mayor A. E. White will be asked to represent the town with an address on Friday morning, January 20. Local banks and other business houses will be represented in turn in this manner.

No doubt the plan will prove worthwhile to both pupils of the school and the business interests of the town.

WOMAN WOUNDED WHEN NEGRO FIRED FROM AMBUSH ON AUTO

Mrs. John S. McFayden of Raeford Struck in Face But Wounds Not Serious—She and Husband Were Driving to Fayetteville—Search Being Made for Ernest Harrington Suspected Negro.

Fayetteville, Jan. 6.—Sheriff's posse are today searching for Ernest Harrington, negro, suspected of firing from ambush on an automobile occupied by Mr. and Mrs. John S. McFayden of Raeford Thursday while Mr. McFayden was driving to this city. Mrs. McFayden was shot in the face but her wounds are not thought to be serious. The car was completely riddled with shot.

The dastardly crime occurred about 12 miles from this city on the Raeford road. Sheriff N. H. McGeachy was summoned to the scene by telephone, and obtaining bloodhounds from Raeford, trailed the assailant to a negro house in the neighborhood. The house was surrounded but before it could be entered Harrington, clad in his underclothes, leaped from a window on a side of the house guarded by an unarmed civilian member of the posse and escaped to the woods nearby. His gun and shoes were found in the house. Bloodhounds were not used in the hunt today, as the sheriff and his officers know the negro and are confident of capturing him.

Mrs. McFayden was carried to "Glendale," the home of Mrs. J. H. Currie, immediately after the shooting and a physician was summoned, who declared that her wounds were not dangerous. Much indignation is felt here over the commission of the cowardly crime. Mr. McFayden is a prominent citizen of Raeford.

Harrington was captured Thursday afternoon, according to another dispatch, and placed in jail at Fayetteville.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN GENOA.

United States Invited to Participate—Looks to Rehabilitation of Europe.

Cannes, Jan. 6.—(By Associated Press.)—Definite action looking to the rehabilitation of Europe from an economic standpoint was taken at the first session of the allied supreme council here today, when unanimous approval was given for the calling of an international, financial and economic conference in which Germany and Russia are to have a part. Sometime during the first two weeks of March has been set for the momentous gathering, and Genoa, Italy, has been designated as the place where it shall be held.

An invitation to the United States to participate has been extended through the American ambassador to Great Britain, George Harvey, who is here as official observer for his government.

Russia's participation in the Genoa conference is conditional upon acceptance of a number of conditions, namely that she cease bolshevik propaganda abroad, that she undertake not to attack her neighbors and that she recognize all the honorable obligations entered into by preceding Russian governments.

Store of Jno. T. Biggs, Bankrupt, Closed.

An order adjudicating Mr. John T. Biggs, Lumberton merchant, bankrupt was filed with C. M. Symms, clerk of the Federal court in Wilmington, Saturday. The order was filed by the law firm of Messrs. McLean, Varsler, McLean & Stacy, attorneys for the petitioning creditors. A trustee will be elected at a meeting of the creditors to be called by the referee in bankruptcy. The Biggs store has been closed since Thursday night.

Parkton Letter

Mr. Henry Marsh of Cumberland County Passes—Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCormick Entertain—Ball Games—Mistake Corrected.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Jan. 7.—I desire to correct a serious mistake which I am responsible for. Please give Mr. Floyd Lancaster credit for one more hundred pounds of pork, as his 27-months-old pig weighed 650 instead of 550, as stated in the last issue.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McCormick royally entertained the entire school faculty last night. A real dinner was served, or a more appropriate definition, should say a "feast", which was enjoyed beyond expression. An extension table was arranged in the dining room sufficient for the entire number, and while Profs. Hines and Griffin arrived a little late, yet they were remembered.

Profs. Hines and Griffin went down to Lumberton in the afternoon where a basketball league was organized. They report around a dozen schools entering the league and we are advised the first game will be played at St. Pauls on Tuesday; and Friday evening at Parkton is where the real interesting game will be staged. Something doing from now on.

Yesterday's Fayetteville Observer reports as follows:

"Mr. Henry Marsh, a prominent and esteemed citizen of Gray's creek township, died at 1:30 o'clock today after a long period of ill health. Mr. Marsh was an exemplary husband and father and took an active part in the affairs of his community. He is survived by his wife and seven children: Mrs. Frank Evans of Fayetteville, Mrs. Alexander Davis of Bladen county; Mrs. Hopkins who is now in France with her husband, Lieut. Hopkins of the U. S. army; Misses Estelle, Edna and Agnes of Gray's creek township. The funeral was conducted this afternoon at 3:00 o'clock at the residence. The following ministers present and took part: Rev. T. H. Sutton, Rev. Joel Snider of Fayetteville and Rev. R. F. Munns of Parkton, pastor of the deceased, who conducted the first part of the services, which were very impressive. The music, which was very appropriate, was rendered by six good singers of Fayetteville, Miss Hall at the piano. The floral offering was extensive and most beautiful. The interment was in the family burying ground near the home. A large number of friends and relatives attended."

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Township Pruning Demonstrations

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Howellsville—At Asa McWhite's, Thursday, January 12, at 10:30 a. m. St. Pauls—At Joe Allen's, Thursday, January 12, at 1:30 p. m. Lumberton—At W. H. Inman's, Friday, January 13, at 10:30 a. m. Back Swamp—At J. H. Britt's, Friday, January 13, at 1:30 p. m. Demonstrations for next week will appear in Thursday's Robesonian. On account of the large number of permanent pastures to be sown the latter part of February and March, very little individual pruning will be done this season. A demonstration will be given in each township, so you should attend one of these for your instruction.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator.

PUBLIC WELFARE WORK

Miss Frye, County Welfare Agent, Will Spend First Month Acquainting Teachers With Compulsory Law.

Miss Emeth Tuttle of the Bureau of Child Welfare, State Welfare Department, Raleigh, spent Saturday in Lumberton with Miss Elizabeth Frye, who began work as county welfare officer the first of the year. Miss Frye will be in her office at the court house every Monday. As has been stated in The Robesonian, she occupies the office with Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, formerly occupied by Miss Andrews and Mr. O. O. Dukes, farm demonstration agent. The office phone is 253. Miss Frye also may be reached through the Red Springs exchange, No. 101-J.

Miss Frye's work for the first month will be largely acquainting the teachers of the county, through visits to the schools, with the administration of the compulsory school law. She will also be investigating the county charity list. Other matters which may be brought to her attention will be looked after.

Miss Tuttle has just returned from a meeting of welfare workers in New York and found that North Carolina holds high rank among the States of the Union in its provision for welfare work. The machinery has been provided by the General Assembly for progressive work along this line and all that is needed is for the machinery to be properly used, which calls for cooperation on the part of the people as well as for devoted work on the part of the welfare agents.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 17 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. G. A. Inman and family are moving today from St. Pauls to Lumberton.

—Mr. and Mrs. Giles Mercer have moved into their new home, East Third street.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Geo. Webster McIntyre and Clara McLean.

—An oyster supper will be given Thursday night of this week at Bethesda school house.

—Mrs. O. F. Nance has accepted a position as stenographer in the law offices of Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor.

—Mr. Matthew Humphrey of the Saddlecreek section killed a Bald eagle Saturday that measured 6 feet with wings outstretched.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Branch moved last week from R. 4, Lumberton, into a residence owned by Mr. Troy McWhite, Chippewa street.

—Mr. Willis Ivey and family recently moved from Chipley, Fla., to Mr. Ivey's old home, near Proctorville. Mr. Ivey was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

—Solicitor S. B. McLean of Mecklenburg county spent last night in town en route to Elizabethtown to attend Bladen court, which convened today.

—Miss Gwendolyn Barrett went Friday to Wilmington to enter a business college. She was accompanied to Wilmington by her mother, Mrs. Mattie Barrett.

—The regular quarterly meeting of the directors of the National Cotton Mill company was held Thursday. The annual dividend was declared. The annual meeting will be held in July.

—The Philadelphia high school will give a minstrel show in the high school auditorium here Friday evening of this week. The show was recently put on at Philadelphia and is said to be highly entertaining.

—A dog which bit Mr. J. W. Howell of R. 7, Lumberton, some three weeks ago was not rabid, according to a report from the State laboratory at Raleigh. The dog acted as though he was rabid some time after biting Mr. Howell on the hand and he killed the dog and sent the head to Raleigh for examination. Mr. Howell was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe returned Friday night from Winston-Salem, where they attended the mid-winter meeting of the North Carolina Press association, which was held at the Robert E. Lee hotel, which was completed recently at a cost of \$1,100,000 and is considered the finest commercial hotel in the South. The meeting was an interesting and profitable one.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Redick and two sons, Laurie and George, and Miss Henry Lloyd left this morning for their home near Hartsville, S. C., after spending the week-end in the county visiting relatives. Their daughter, Miss Bessie Redick, who accompanied them, will spend a week visiting relatives at Proctorville before returning home. They made the trip in Mr. Redick's auto.

—"The Man From Borneo", a comedy that is said to be a scream, was put on in Fairmont during the holidays by the Fairmont post of the American Legion, and was liked so well that it will be given there again Friday night of this week, in the school auditorium, at 8 o'clock, and the Fairmont post boys will be put on the same play in Lumberton Friday night of next week under the auspices of the Lumberton post.

—Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Combs and small daughter, Lillie Ruth, and Mrs. Combs's mother, Mrs. H. C. Gilliland, expect to leave this evening for Asbury Park, N. J. They planned to leave Thursday evening, as was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, but decided to wait until this evening. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mr. Combs recently resigned as pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, after serving the church for a number of years.

—Fire of unknown origin destroyed a wooden building owned by Mr. W. I. Linkhaw, Water street, about 1:30 Sunday morning. The building was occupied by W. R. McNeill, colored barber, and Douglas Pope, colored, who operated a pressing club. Mr. Linkhaw says his loss is covered by insurance and it is understood that both McNeill and Pope carried some insurance. Members of the fire department had to work hard to save other buildings near by.

—Mr. S. R. Spivey returned last night from Wilmington, where he went Saturday in response to a message advising him that the condition of his daughter, Mrs. A. W. Newkirk, was not favorable. Mrs. Newkirk underwent a serious operation at the James Walker Memorial hospital Wednesday of last week. Her condition was reported as much more favorable yesterday. Mrs. Spivey has been with her daughter since the operation was performed.

—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis are spending the day in Wilmington.